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A FAIRE

THOMAS,

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STRAFFORD.

THE Bill of Attainder, that PASSED AGAINST *THOMAS* EARLE OF *STRAFFORD*.

WHereas the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes of the Houſe of Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, have in the name of themſelves, and of all the Commons of *England*, impeached *Thomas* Earle of *Strafford* of high Treaſon, for endevouring to ſubvert the Ancient and Fundamentall Lawes and government of his Maieſties Realmes of *England* and *Ireland*, and to introduce an Arbitrary and tyrannicall Government againſt Law in the ſaid Kingdomes; and for exerciſing a Tyrannous and exorbitant Power over and againſt the Lawes of the ſaid Kingdomes,

over the Liberties, Estates, and Lives of his Maiesties Subiects; and likewise for having by his owne authoritie commanded the laying and asseising of Souldiers upon his Maiesties Subiects in *Ireland*, against their consents; to compell them to obey his unlawfull Commands, and Orders made upon paper-Petitions in Causes betweene partie and partie, which accordingly was executed upon divers of his Maiesties Subiects in a Warlike manner within the said Realme of *Ireland*; and in so doing, did levie warre against the Kings Maiestie and his liege people in that Kingdome; And also for that he upon the unhappy Dissolution of the last Parliament, did slander the House of Commons to his Maiestie, and did Counsell and advise his Maiestie that hee was loose and absolved from Rules of Government, and that he had an Army in *Ireland*, which hee might imploy to reduce this Kingdome; for which he deserves to undergoe the Paines and Forfeitures of High Treason.

And the said Earle hath been also an Incendiarie of the Warres betweene the two Kingdomes of *England* and *Scotland*; all which Offences have been sufficiently proved against the said Earle upon his impeachment.

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Bee it therefore enacted by the Kings moſt excellent Maieſtie, and by the Lords and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by authoritie of the ſame, That the ſaid Earle of *Strafford* for the haynous Crimes and Offences aforeſaid, ſtand and bee adiudged and attainted of high Treaſon, and ſhall ſuffer ſuch paine of death, and incurre ſuch forfeitures of his Goods and Chattels, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of any eſtate of Freehold or Inheritance in the ſaid Kingdomes of *England* and *Ireland*, which the ſaid Earle or any other to his uſe, or in truſt for him, have or had the day of the firſt ſitting of this preſent Parliament, or at any time ſince.

Provided that no Iudge or Iudges, Iuſtice or Iuſtices whatſoever, ſhall adiudge or interpret any Act or thing to bee Treaſon, nor heare or determine any Treaſon, nor in any other manner than he or they ſhould or ought to have done before the making of this Act, and as if this Act had never beene had nor made. Saving alwayes unto all and ſingular perſons and bodies politique and corporall, their Heires and Succeſſors, others than the ſaid Earle and his Heires, and ſuch as claime by, from, or under him, all ſuch right, title, and intereſt, of, in, and to all and ſingular ſuch of the ſaid Lands, Tenements, and Here-

ditaments, as he, they, or any of them, had be-
fore the first day of this present Parliament,
any thing herein contained to the contrary
notwithstanding.

Provided that the passing of this present
Act, and his Maiesties assent thereunto, shall
not bee any determination of this present Ses-
sions of Parliament, but that this present Ses-
sions of Parliament, and all Bills and matters
whatsoever depending in Parliament, and not
fully enacted or determined. And all Statutes
and Acts of Parliament, which have their con-
tinuance untill the end of this present Session
of Parliament, shall remaine, continue, and be
in full force, as if this Act had not beene.

FINIS.